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SUBJECT: CSCE: CBMS - SPANISH PAPER OF 28 SEP

REF: A. USNATO 4292, AND B. GENEVA 5172

1. SPANISH CBM PROPOSALS (GENEVA 5172) HAVE FOUND SOME FAVOR AMONG A NUMBER OF NATO ALLIES AND NEUTRALS IN TWO WAYS. IN ONE SENSE, THEY CONTAIN SEEMINGLY ACCEPTABLE IDEAS FOR CBMS IN ADDITION TO THE TWO LISTED IN PARA 23 OF THE HELSINKI RECOMMENDATIONS. SINCE MANY DELEGATIONS WANT TO EXPAND WHAT THEY VIEW AS THE NARROW LIMITS OF THE HELSINKI RECOMMENDATIONS, THE SPANISH PROPOSALS GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO GRASP. IN ANOTHER SENSE, THE SPANISH PROPOSALS ARE SEEN BY SOME NATO ALLIES AS MEASURES THAT MIGHT BE USED TO FEND OFF SOME OF THE

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UNACCEPTABLY SWEEPING PROPOSALS OF THE ROMANIANS AND YUGOSLAVS.

2. THE SPANISH AMBASSADOR, IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FROM OTHER DELEGATIONS, OFFERED THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC COMMENTS ON HIS PROPOSALS.

3. EXCHANGE OF VISITS BY MILITARY MISSIONS. SPAIN RECOGNIZES THAT VISITS OF MILITARY MISSIONS TAKE PLACE NOW, BUT ONLY "WITHIN THE FAMILY" (BLOCS). THEY ARE INTERESTED IN VISITS OUTSIDE THIS FRAMEWORK TO ENCOURAGE MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES TO GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER IN ORDER TO INCREASE CONFIDENCE AND TO INCREASE THEIR MUTUAL KNOWLEDGE OF MILITARY AFFAIRS. IN THE SAME VEIN, MILITARY ATTACHES SHOULD BE MORE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE VARIOUS ARMS AND SERVICES, AND NOT JUST SPECIALISTS (READ INTELLIGENCE EXPERTS). SPANISH SEE SUCH VISITS BEING CARRIED OUT ON AN EQUAL AND RECIPROCAL BASIS BETWEEN NATIONS. THEY DO NOT ENVISAGE A WAVE OF 35 SETS OF EXPERTS MOVING TO AND FRO ACROSS EUROPE, BUT SEE REASONABLE COOPERATION BETWEEN NATIONS. THEY THINK THAT SOME COMMON RULES COULD ESTABLISH THE NUMBER OF PERSONS TO BE ALLOWED TO VISIT, AND THEY TYPE OF FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED.

4. EXCHANGE OF PERSONNEL BETWEEN CENTERS FOR MILITARY STUDY. THE SPANISH WANT TO OPEN UP WHAT THEY CONSIDER A RESTRICTED ACTIVITY; EXCHANGING STUDENTS BETWEEN HIGHER MILITARY SCHOOLS, I.E., AT THE LEVEL OF THE NATO WAR COLLEGE, IN AN EFFORT TO BROADEN UNDERSTANDING OF CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. THE AMBASSADOR ALSO CITED TRAINING CENTERS, COMMENTING THAT EXCHANGE PERSONNEL WOULD BENEFIT FROM SEEING OTHER TYPES OF TRAINING. SPANISH ADDED THAT THEY WERE NOT THINKING OF EXCHANGING LOWER RANKS (NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS), BUT ONLY OFFICER LEVEL BECAUSE THE NECESSARY SKILLS IN TACT AND LANGUAGE WOULD MORE LIKELY BE FOUND IN THE HIGHER RANKS. SPANISH ALSO ENVISAGE EXCHANGES OF EXPERTS TO INSTITUTIONS DEVOTED TO STRATEGIC STUDIES, SUCH AS IN LONDON AND STOCKHOLM, AND TO SECURITY SEMINARS.

5. EXTENSION OF FACILITIES TO MILITARY ATTACHES. THE SPANISH MERELY COMMENTED THAT ATTACHES NEED MORE ACCESS TO FACILITIES ON THE BASIS OF RECIPROCITY SO THEY CAN BETTER PERFORM THEIR DUTIES. BASSIN  
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